

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **Kitsap County Fatality Collision**

Troopers assigned to the Poulsbo Detachment of the Washington State Patrol responded on Friday April 21, 2006 to a one vehicle fatality collision on SR 3 near Lofall Road, approximately two miles north of Poulsbo. Troopers arrived on scene and located one vehicle, a 2006 Scion, off the roadway, which had struck a tree. The driver of the Scion, Frederick Babcock, 70 years old, of Sequim sustained serious injuries and was airlifted to Harborview. The passenger of the vehicle, Frederick's wife, Patricia Babcock, 65 years old, died at the scene. Preliminary investigation into the cause of the collision indicates Patricia suffered a medical emergency while traveling along SR 3. As Frederick reacted to the medical emergency he was unable to safely bring his vehicle to a stop.

The cause of the collision will remain under investigation until the Kitsap County Coroner's Office has completed its investigation.

To date, troopers in Kitsap County have investigated three fatality collisions. The first collision occurred January 31, 2006 along SR 3 at SR 305, with the cause being speed. The second fatality collision occurred along SR 3 near the Bremerton Air Port, on February 13, 2006. The second fatality was the result of an intoxicated driver who crossed the center line and struck another vehicle. The intoxicated driver died at the scene.

With the summer months upon us and more people on the roadways, drivers need to make sure they are paying attention and driving defensively. The best way to protect yourself in a collision is to wear your seatbelt properly.

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